

THE ACTS CHURCH

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TEXT: JOSHUA 22:1-6 KJV

Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, (2) And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: (3) Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. (4) And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your

tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan. (5) But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. (6) So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

INTRO: LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

Flashback to chapter 1
JOSHUA 1:12-16 KJV

And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, (13) Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land. (14) Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men

of valour, and help them; (15) **Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it,** which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising. (16) And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and

whithersoever thou sendest us, we | will go.

The tribe of RUBEN, the tribe of GAD and half of the tribe of MANASSEH had already negotiated with Moses for land on the east side of Jordan. They vowed that they would fulfill their promise to the LORD and Moses.

I. *THE DAY HAD FINALLY ARRIVED...*

It's been over seven years since the children of Israel had crossed Jordan and began their quest to possess the Promised Land.

JOSHUA 21:43-45 KJV

And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he swore to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. (44) And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a

man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. (45) There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

One commentator stated...

There were still **enemies** within the land; not all the Canaanites had been destroyed. But that was not God's fault; He fulfilled His promise by defeating every foe against which the Israelites fought. If there were still undefeated foes and pockets of resistance, it was because Israel did not claim God's promise.

Note verse 45. **The LORD** had fulfilled every promise. **Not** one **word failed**. What a tribute to God's faithfulness! But Israel did not appropriate every promise.

II. NOW THE LORD YOUR GOD HATH GIVEN REST

JOSHUA 22:1-4 KJV

Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, (2) And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: (3) Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the

charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. (4) And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan.

Return Ye, ... and

Get You unto Your Tents, ... and

Unto The Land of Your Possession

Remember...

JOSHUA 21:44-45 KJV

And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he swore unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their

enemies into their hand. (45) There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

God will always do exactly what He says He will do!!!!

III. JOSHUA'S CHALLENGE

JOSHUA 22:5 KJV

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which

Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your

God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him

with all your heart and with all your soul.

Obey God's Commandments given through Moses

Love the Lord your God

Walk in all His ways

Keep His Commandments

Cleave to Him and Serve Him

MATTHEW 22:36-40 KJV

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? (37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great

commandment. (39) And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (40) On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.